

March Court — 1725

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Somerset County Labourer the thirtieth day of Novem<sup>r</sup>. anno Dom<sup>i</sup>. One thousand Seven hundred  
and twenty five with force and arms &c at the County ass<sup>t</sup> within the Jurisdiction of Huishor  
One Silver Spoon of the value of two hundred pound. of tobo. of the good and flatte,  
of a certaine Mary Hampton her and there being found, then and there feloniously did take  
Steal and carry away against the Peace of the light house the said Proprietary his good  
Rule and governement and also against the form of the act of Assembly in such case made  
and provided .. L Gale C<sup>t</sup> Peace

Test. Willm Glanier, Bruff Broughton, Mary Hampton, Wm Calvert, and Wm Matthews.

On the Backside of the foregoing Bill of Indictment it was thus Endorsed but —

Billa Vera. Adam Hiltz foreman

Whereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he take of  
Said Thomas Travers late of Somerset County Labourer if & to answer & and afterward  
in the same Court cause the Said Thomas Travers in custody of the Sheriff of Somerset County  
into whose custody before that time was committed for the cause ass<sup>t</sup>, and thereupon the Said Tho.  
Travers being by the Sheriff Sett to the Bar (and Judicat<sup>t</sup>. Read) is instantly demanded how  
he would acquit himself of the felony ass<sup>t</sup>, & above upon him Imposed, says that of the felony  
ass<sup>t</sup> or by the Judicat<sup>t</sup> above upon him Imposed he is noway guilty thereof, and for tryall  
thereof giveth himself upon the Country and his Lordships attorney, who for his said Service in  
his behalfe prosecute likewise

Whereupon Command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that Immediately  
the cause to come here twelve d<sup>r</sup>: by whom he who neither & to recouire & because as well  
of which said Processt<sup>t</sup> the Said Sheriff to willm Francis Allen Geake makes return that he has here  
Ready twelve & a by his said Processt<sup>t</sup> he was command<sup>d</sup>, and the Jurors herein Impannelled being  
Called came to with Charles Coltham, John Water, Stephen Horsey, Peter Frazer, Mose Driskell Dan  
Maddox, Thos Turpin, James Jones, John Shill, David Hutson, Thos Aydelott, Thos Townsend —  
Jury, who being duly elected tried and Sworn to say the truth in the premises ass<sup>t</sup> upon their Oath  
To say that the Said Thomas Travers is guilty of the felony whereof he stands Indicted —

Whereupon the Court here valued the Silver Spoon in the Judicat<sup>t</sup> ass<sup>t</sup> said to be Stolen to  
One hundred and fifty pound of tobacco — wherefore it is Considered by the Justices that the  
said Thomas Travers pay unto the Said Mary Hampton his party damages four fold of the value  
of the said Silver Spoon ass<sup>t</sup> amounting in the whole to Six hundred pounds of tobacco (the ass<sup>t</sup> Spoon  
being valued as ass<sup>t</sup> according to Law) and that the Said Thomas Travers be whipt with twenty five  
Lashes on the Bare Back well laid on until the Blood appear and that he stand in the Gallows  
half an hour and that he be taken & and thereupon as to the corporate Execution ass<sup>t</sup> Command is given  
to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he do hereof immediate Execution according to the Judicat<sup>t</sup> ass<sup>t</sup> render  
ed by whipping the ass<sup>t</sup> Thomas Travers at the Publick whiping post with twenty five Lashes on the  
bare Back well laid on until the blood appear and by sitting him in the gallows half an hour afterwa  
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